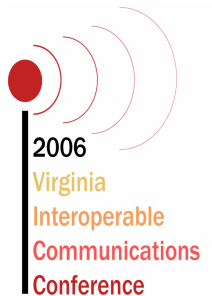


Commonwealth of Virginia's Communications Interoperability

**Grants & Funding for Achieving Statewide
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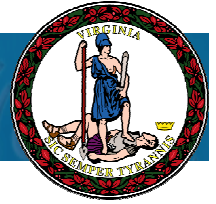
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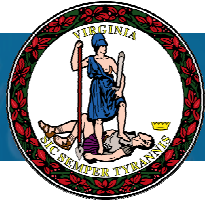
Guest Speakers and Panelists



- ***Chris Essid, Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator***
- ***Cheryl Adkins, Grants Specialist, Virginia Department of Emergency Management***
- ***Tim Paul, Chief, Law Enforcement Division at the Department of Criminal Justice Services***



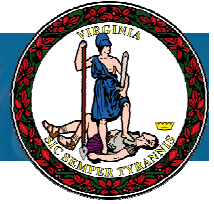
Agenda



- Background
- Current Status
 1. Consistency and Support of the Plan
 2. Current Funding Cycle
 3. Participation in DHS Grant Process
- Review of 2006 DHS Grant Process and the Authorized Equipment List
- Smart Buying Options
- Grant Reporting Process and Requirements



Background



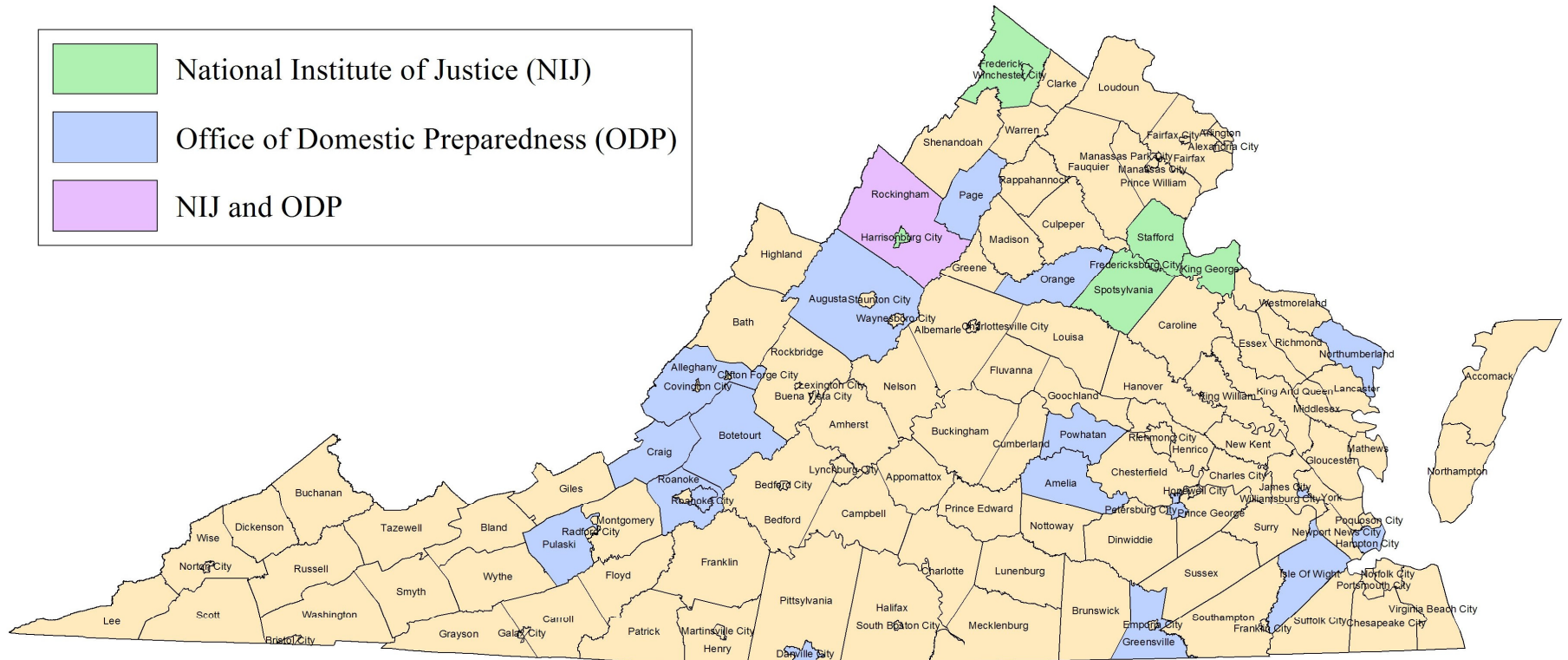
- Prior to FY 2005, state level interoperability funding was distributed by multiple uncoordinated state agencies

FY 2005

- Virginia Code modified to require:
 - The annual update of the Strategic Plan for Statewide Communications Interoperability (Plan)
 - Consistency with and support of the Plan on the local, regional, state and federal levels by July 1, 2015
- SIEC designated recommendation body for all state level interoperability grant funds
 - \$2.1 Million distributed to localities for interoperability projects

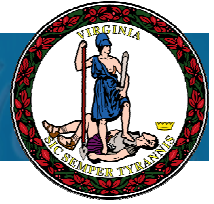


2005 Local Grant Funds Distributed by the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)





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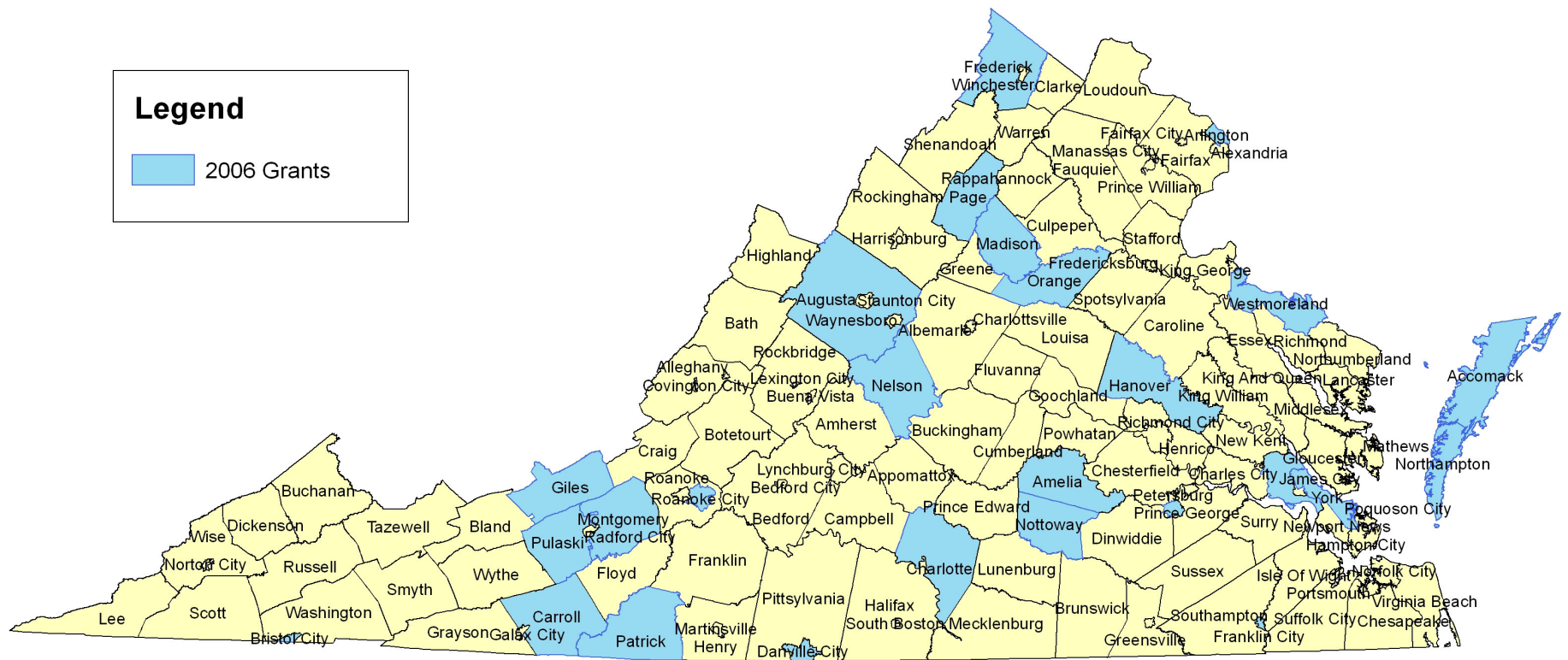
FY 2006

- Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office (CICO) acts as the Interoperability Investment Coordinator for state DHS grant submissions
 - DHS introduces competitive process and renewed focus on regional solutions
- \$2 Million distributed to localities for interoperability projects based on SIEC recommendations

2006 Local Grant Funds Distributed by the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

Legend

 2006 Grants






Jurisdictions that Received Interoperability Grant Funding 2003-2006

Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria are a part of the National Capital Region (NCR) and have spent **\$55 million** in UASI funding for voice and data interoperability projects.

Interoperability Grants

Grants

-  Federal
 Local
 NCR

Charlottesville-Albemarle-UVA
received a **\$6 million** FEMA FY
2003 Interoperable Communications
Equipment grant

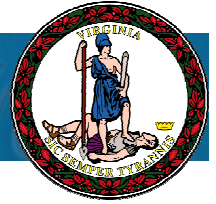
The Lynchburg and Roanoke MSA's received **\$1.4 million** 2006 COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Grant

The Richmond MSA used **\$3.3 million** of \$6 million in UASI funding for interoperable communications needs

The Virginia Beach MSA and Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has received a total of **\$12.5 million** In Interoperability Grants from UASI and COPS



Current Status

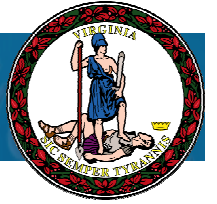


FY 2007

1. Section within the Plan describes how to be consistent with and support the Plan
2. Funding will be available in FY '07 for local interoperability projects that will be coordinated by the SIEC
3. CICO will continue to coordinate interoperable investment for DHS grant submissions



1. The Plan



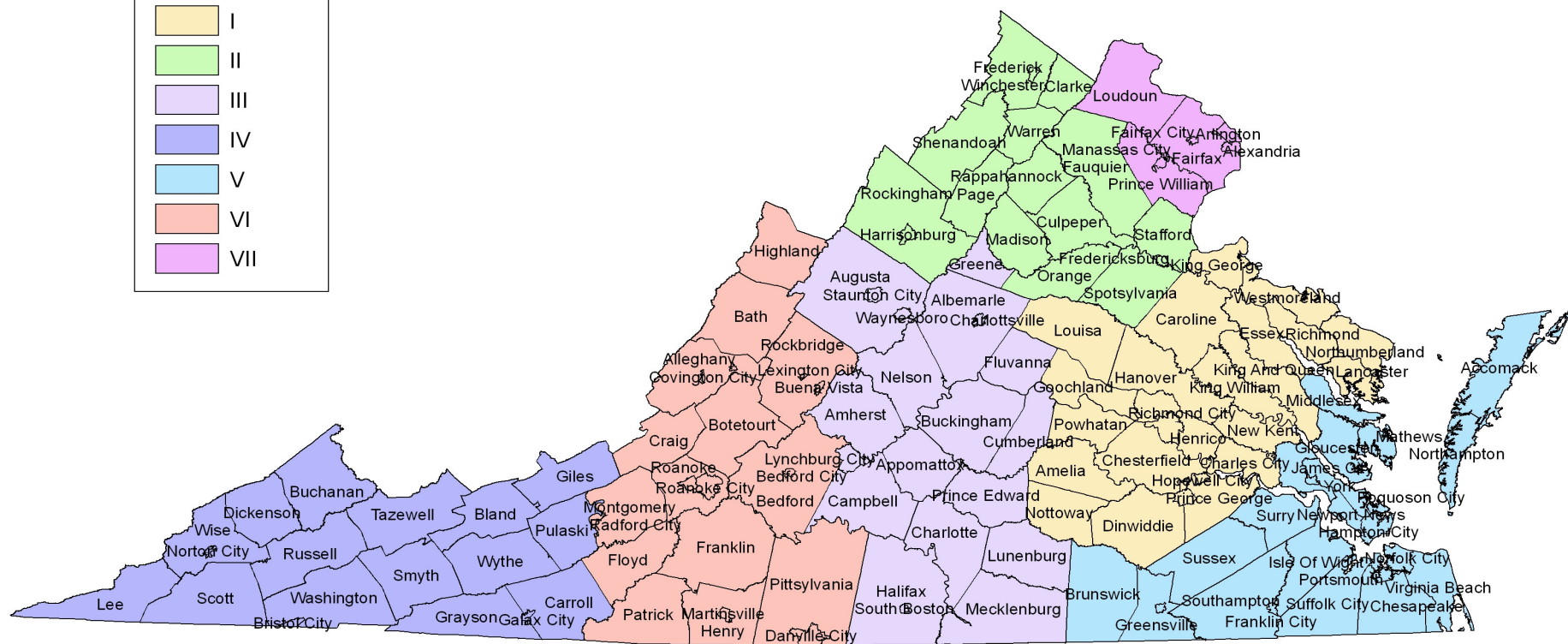
- Recognize the Virginia Homeland Security Planning Regions designated by the Governor
 - Used as a planning framework
 - Acknowledge and support that jurisdictions will need to go over regional boundaries to achieve interoperability
 - Based on the Virginia State Police Districts

State Homeland Security Planning Regions

Legend

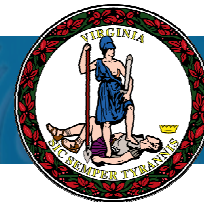
Regions

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- III
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- VI
- VII





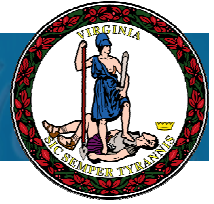
Why Regionalism?



- DHS requires a regional approach for distributing grant funds
- Regionalism will help the CICO work with stakeholders and additional members of the public safety community to:
 - Discern the effectiveness of previous plans
 - Discover new challenges
 - Continue to involve a multitude of stakeholders in driving the Commonwealth's direction in regards to interoperability



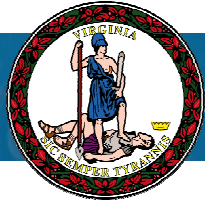
1. The Plan



- Support the goals and initiatives of the Plan
- Clearly show how the project or equipment needed addresses multiple disciplines and jurisdictions
- Comply with NIMS
- Adopt the Common Language Best Practice
- Ensure equipment is on the AEL or has an exception letter on file



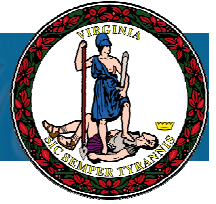
1. The Plan



- Ensure all subscriber radios are programmed for mutual aid and interoperability channels
- Show proof of appropriate FCC licenses
- Comply with XML
- Comply with Project 25 as appropriate
- Comply with all other federal grant guidance that is provided with the RFP



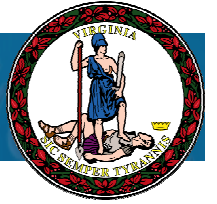
2. Current Funding Cycle



- Funding available to localities as a result of DHS funding allocations
- Approximate release date of RFP – January 2007
- Applicants must comply with a preferred project list for funding
 - List was determined by interoperability investment submitted

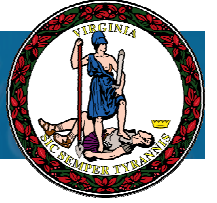


3. Future DHS Funding



- How can you influence what gets on the preferred project list?
 - Participate in Regional Planning Break-out Groups
 - Work to determine regional needs based on your local needs
 - Think about your region in the context of the state
 - Create a direct line of communication between your region/locality and the state





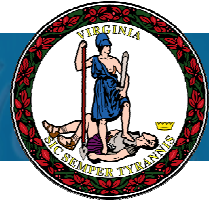
SHSGP Funding and Requirements

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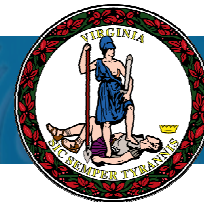
Homeland Security Grants



- Why do you need to know this information?
 - The process has changed
 - The future is now
 - This information is needed to receive grant funds



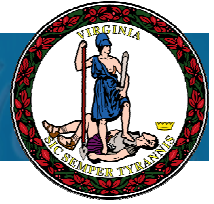
The National Goal



- The Vision is to establish and determine the Nations ability to:
 - Prevent
 - Protect
 - Respond
 - Recover



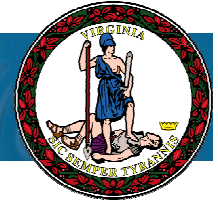
National Preparedness Goal Priorities




1. Implement the NIMS System and the National Response Plan
2. Expand Regional Collaboration
3. Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan
4. Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
5. **Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities**
6. Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities
7. Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities



Authorized Equipment List



- Go to <http://www2.rkb.mipt.org/> and log onto the Responder Knowledge Base for current AEL information
- If the equipment is not listed on the AEL for the appropriate funding cycle, exceptions can be granted.

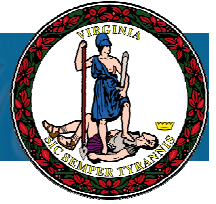
 **FY2006 Authorized Equipment List Change Log**

This log contains all changes to the on-line version of the FY2006 AEL. Where possible, changes will also be reflected in the downloadable pdf and Excel files. The pdf file does not show the Notes field from the on-line version, so changes to the Notes field will only appear on line and in the Excel spreadsheet.

Date	Item(s) Impacted	Description of Change
06/15/06	1.1.5.1	Added new item, "Equipment, Respiratory Protection, Combination." Renumbered existing section 1.1.5 (Support Equipment) as 1.1.6.
06/15/06	5.3.4	Added new item, "Software, Forensic."
06/15/06	5.4.4	Added new item, "System, Security Event/Incident Management."
06/15/06	7.2.1.21	Added new item, "Detector, Fixed Site, Chemical, Infrared."
06/15/06	19.2.7	Added new item, "System, Water Distribution."
06/15/06	11.1.27	Added new reference, "NFPA Hazardous Materials Response Handbook."
06/15/06	3.2.4.2; 3.2.5.2-4; 3.2.8.1; 5.1.2; 5.2.2; 5.3.1-2; 5.4.2; 6.1.4; 6.2.1; 7.2.1.10,14,17,18,20; 9.2.1.12; 9.2.5.3-4; 9.3.7.1	Miscellaneous clarifying changes to item title and descriptions.
06/15/06	1.7.1.6	Corrected title and description to change "Protective" to "Examination" so that the item complies with the terminology used in NFPA 1999.
06/15/06	6.1.7	Corrected a classification error. Systems, Antenna and Tower has been moved to the "Other Land-Mobile Radio Equipment" Category, and is now Item Number 6.3.7.
04/11/06	4.1.6.1	Updated item to clarify allowability of simulators. Law enforcement training simulators that provide "use of force" training such as video-based decision making, marksmanship, and "shoot-no shoot" simulators are not allowable.
03/01/06	3.2.4.11	Corrected numbering error. Item 3.2.4.11, Current Detector, was not visible on-line, and was erroneously listed in PDF document with item number 3.2.4.
03/01/06	Section 7.3.1	Updated list to make radiation detection items 7.3.1.1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 allowable under the LETPP grant.
12/06/05	6.1.7	Corrected item 6.1.7 to remove 200 foot height restriction on towers.

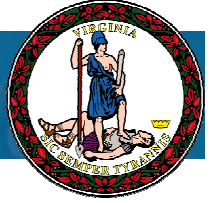


Authorized Equipment List



To gain an exception for equipment not listed on the AEL:

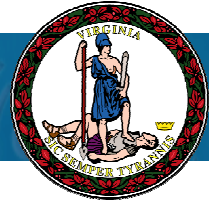
- Contact Chris Essid to see if the purchase is in line with the state goals and objectives
- Then his office will verify with VDEM that the equipment is an allowable purchase (sometimes this may have to be approved by DHS).



Grant Reporting Process and Requirements



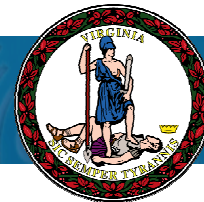
SHSGP Funds



- Who is eligible for State Homeland Security Grant Program funds?
 - Local Units of Governments
 - State Agencies
- Other Requirements?
 - Grant Application Process
 - BSIR Reporting Requirements (bi-annually)
 - BSIR Reporting Contact in each locality and state agency



Grant Timeline



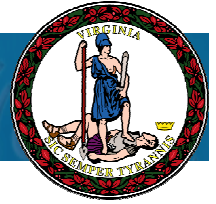
- How are funds released after award?
 - By using a “Drawdown Form”
 - This form will be provided in award packets
- How long does it take to release funds?
 - Usually a 10 day turnaround after a request for disbursement
- Funds can only be requested within 120 days prior to expenditure. Funds must be obligated with a Purchase Order and/or Contract. A copy of such will need to be submitted with the drawdown form.



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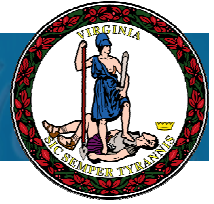


Timeline:

- Start of Grant
- Approximately 3 months after award:
Funds must be obligated
- End of Grant Period: Final Report Due
with Lessons Learned Described and
Documented



Reporting Grant Progress



- Biannual Strategic Implementation Reports (BSIR) are required in January and July of each calendar year, through the life of the grant.
- Each Subgrantee has a grant reporting person that is responsible for this report.
- VDEM/CICO reserves the right to implement quarterly reports.

REQUEST FOR DRAWDOWN

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

GRANT YEAR _____

CFDA # 97.067

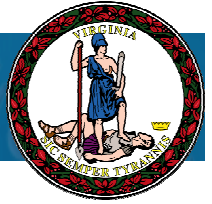
JURISDICTION NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME & PHONE NUMBER: _____

<i>Purchase Orders and/or an invoices must be submitted with each request.</i>				GRANT BALANCE
REQ. #	DATE	Approving Signature	\$ AMOUNT REQUESTED	
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
ENDING BALANCE (must be zero)				

Instructions:

- ❖ Please MAIL this form to VDEM Grants Administration when requesting funds.
VDEM ATTN: CHERYL ADKINS
10501 TRADE COURT
RICHMOND, VA 23236
- ❖ Do not request funds prior to 120 days of expenditure/disbursement.
- ❖ **No funds will be released until the form has been received.**



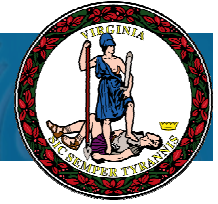
Grant Funding and Support Provided by DCJS

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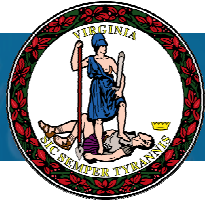
LETPP Funding



- Who is eligible for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program funds?
- Other Requirements?



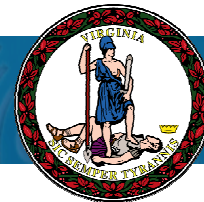
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- How are funds released after award?
- How long does it take to release funds?



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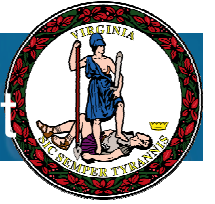
Timeline:

- Start of Grant
- Utilize Authorized Equipment List to select equipment for purchase
- AEL approved by Monitor
- Drawdown requested quarterly
 - Drawdown form utilized to request funds
 - Purchase Orders or Receipts required





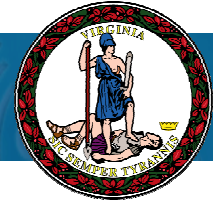
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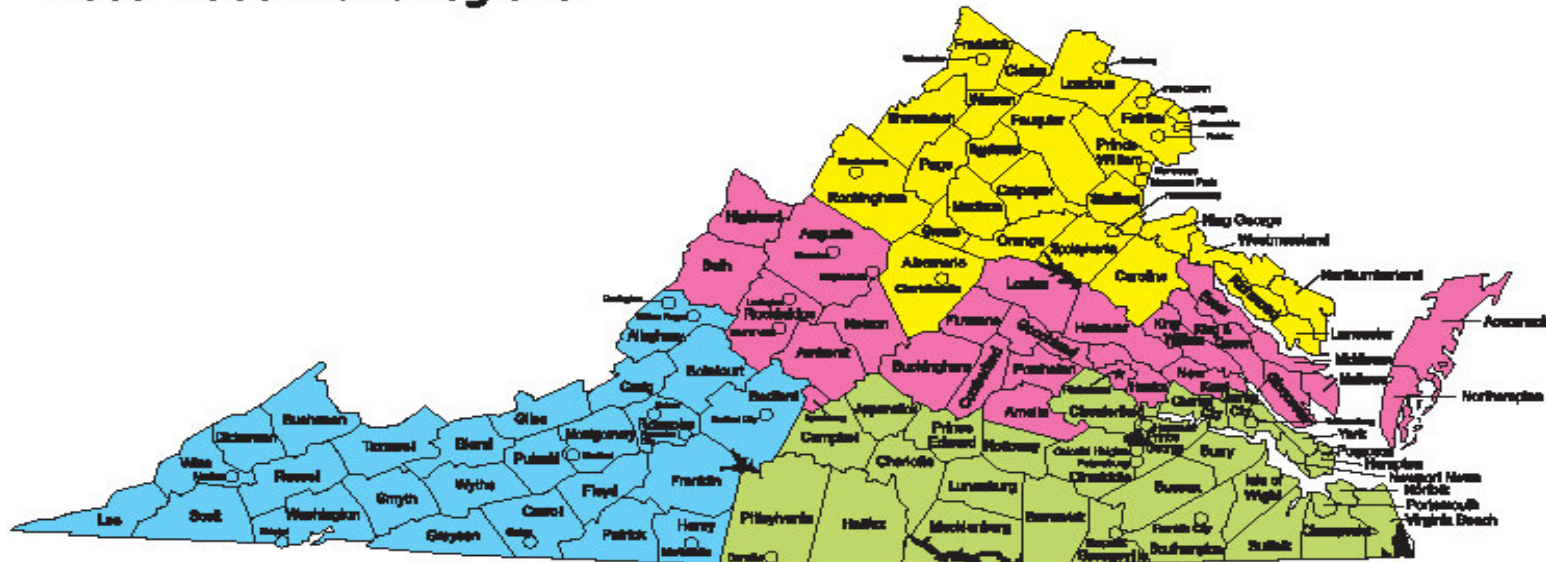
- Funds must be obligated within 120 days prior to expenditure
- Final Report Due with Lessons Learned Described and Documented 30 days after grant closes



Reporting Grant Progress



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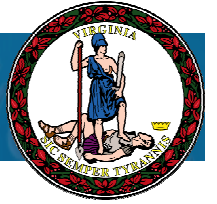
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